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BREDBURY AND ROMILEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

INTERIM ANNUAL REPORT

for the

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER. 1942.

Medical Officer of Health - H.R.Dugdale M.B.,Ch.B., D.P.H.
till November 28th.1942
when he was called to H.M.Forces.

Sanitary Inspector - R.W.Musk. M.R.S.I.

Clerk and Junior Assistant Sanitary Inspector - James Bailey
(Serving with H.M.Forces)

- C. Emmett
Appointed February 1941.

Note
As Dr.Dugdale joined H.M.Forces on the 28th November 1942 the details for the report have been prepared in the Council Offices, without being submitted for his approval.

BREDBURY AND ROMILEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Bredbury and Romiley Urban District Council

Mr.Chairman, Mrs.Davies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting the following Interim Report for the Year 1942

S T A T I S T I C S.

Area of District, in acres, ...		4753
Estimated Population, end of 1942	~~17,080~~	16,050
Number of Inhabited Houses at end of 1942 according to Rate Books		5560
Number of empty Houses ...		Nil
Number of houses entered in Rate Book during year,		Nil
Rateable Value ...		£98,015
Product of a Penny Rate.	£405.	

Vital Statistics.

Live Births	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	141	110	251
Illegitimate	6	6	12
Total Live Births	147	116	263

Birth Rate per thousand estimated resident population. 16•4

Still Births			
Legitimate	9	5	14
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	9	5	14

Rate per thousand live and still births - 17.2
Rate per thousand population

Total live and still births.	156	121	277
Deaths	82	74	156

Death rate per thousand estimated resident population 9•72

Deaths from Puerperal causes = 2

	Male.	Female.	
Deaths of Infants under one year of age..	8	7	15
Legitimate ...	8	7	15
Illegitimate ...	-	-	
Total Infantile Deaths	8	7	

Death Rate, all infants per thousand live births... = 54·5

Death rate, legitimate infants per thousand legitimate live births... = 54·5

Causes of Death

	Male.	Female	Total
All Causes	82	74	156
Cancer of B:'Cav' and oesoph: M			
uterus (F)	4	2	
Cancer of Stomach & Duodenum	4	2	
Cancer of Breast	-	2	
Cancer of all other sites	8	3	
Diabetes	2	2	
Intra-cran: Vase: lesions	5	13	
Heart Diseases	18	13	
Other Diseases of Circulatary System	2	2	
Bronchitis	5	7	
Pneumonia	3	3	
Other Respiratory Diseases	2	-	
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	1	1	
Diarrhoea under two years	2	1	
Appendicitis	1	-	
Other digestive Diseases	-	3	
Nephritis	3	3	
Pueperol and post-abort: Sepis	-	2	
Premature Birth	4	1	
Cen:mol:birth inj.infant: dis:	1	2	
Suicide.	-	2	
Road Traffic Accident	1	-	
Other violent causes	2	1	
All other causes	7	6	

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	No. of Cases Notified.	Number of cases removed to Hospital.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	24	21	-
Scarlet Fever	84	35	-
Measles	136	-	1
Whooping Cough	20	-	1
Lobar Pneumonia	3	-	-
Acute Primary Pneumonia	2	-	-
Erysiplas	4	-	-
Puerperal Pyroxia	1	-	-
Meningococcal Menengitis	1	-	-
Opthalmia Neoratorum	1	-	-
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	-	-
Totals	277	56	2

77 Swabs were examined at Stockport Infirmary for Diphtheria Bacilli. 20 of these proved positive.

During the year an outbreak of Scarlet Fever occurred at one of the Elementary Schools during August, immediately after the Summer Holidays. The outbreak was of a mild type and spread throughout the district, continuing through the winter until Spring, when it gradually died out, also there was an outbreak of measles which lasted from March till November.

TUBERCULOSIS.

13 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year, 3 being transferred from other districts, and 12 of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis, 2 being transfers.
Seven deaths occurred which were due to Pulmonary form of the disease. Four being Males and three Females. One death occurred of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis, this being a male.

New Cases and Mortality during 1942.

Age Records.	New Cases Pulmonary Male	New Cases Pulmonary Female	New Cases Non-Pulmonary Male	New Cases Non-Pulmonary Female	Deaths. Pulmonary Male	Deaths. Pulmonary Female	Deaths. Non-Pulmonary Male	Deaths. Non-Pulmonary Female
5 - 15 years.	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
15 - 25 "	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-
25 - 35 "	2	5	2	3	-	-	-	-
35 - 45 "	1	1	1	-	2	3	-	-
45 - 55 "	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-
55 - 65 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4	9	6	6	4	3	-	-

The number of cases remaining on the Register at the end of the year was

	Males	Females.	Total
Pulmonary...	30	34	64
Non-Pulmonary..	17	26	43
Total...	47	60	107

56 Specimens of Sputum were submitted during the year to the County Laboratory and of these, 9 were positive.

INFANT WELFARE CENTRES.

BREDBURY -- Every Tuesday, held at George Lane Congregational School, has been attended fairly well during 1942. The attendances were -

Bredbury Welfare Centre

Consultations held.....	981
Average Weekly Attendance...	47
Total Attendances.....	2,392

ROMILEY -- Every Thursday, held at Welfare Centre. Not so well attended as Bredbury, probably due to Smaller Population.

Romiley Welfare Centre

Consultations Held.....	580
Average Weekly Attendance...	23
Total Attendances.....	1,198

The Medical Officer of Health, (Dr.Dugdale) held sessions for Diphtheria immunisation during the year at various times. The number of children who were immunised are as follows :-

	1942	1941
Children under 5 years.....	356	243
From 5 years to 15 years...	192	834
Total.....	548	1,077

(see appendix)

I am, Mr.Chairman, Mrs.Davies, and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W.R.DUGDALE

Medical Officer of Health.

APPENDIX.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area:

1. W A T E R: (Piped Supply):

The Urban District Council are the Water Authority. The Stockport Corporation supply the District (in bulk) from three sources, the Kinder, Goyt Valley, and Lyme Park.

Manchester Corporation who own Longdendale Reservoir collect samples weekly for bacteriological examination and at frequent intervals, for chemical analysis. (A) See attached. Stockport Corporation collect samples from Kinder and Goyt Valley, and Lyme Park sources, the latter two supplying water to the new service reservoir at Greave, Romiley, since June 1939. This Reservoir holds 2,500,000 gallons, and the top water level is 573 feet O.D. and supplies parts of Romiley and Woodley. The Lyme Park supply is included as a new Filtration Plant, has been put on this source and it is delivered into the same service reservoir as that from the Goyt Valley, so that this water is also serving a portion of this district. Samples are sent monthly for chemical and bacteriological analysis and extra samples are sent each week for bacteriological examination. Copies of the analyst's reports have been received from the suppliers, and in each case the results were satisfactory. The supply is filtered and chlorinated. The supply of water has also been sufficient in quantity and pressure.

PRIVATE SUPPLIES:

Most of the houses in the Compstall area formerly received their supply from two privately owned open reservoirs which were condemned, and from springs, wells, etc., but a public supply was laid on in November 1939. Certain houses in the other rural parts of the district are supplied by wells and springs, which are kept under observation.

Four samples of the Longdendale Supply were taken in February, June, August, and December, and the report of the analyst is as follows :-

"The Water is subject to seasonal variation, which mainly affects the colour and the organic matter content as measured by the oxygen absorbed test. The other results are satisfactory. The bacteriological results are excellent.

(2) Drainage and Sewerage:

The reconstruction of the Sewage Disposal Works at Lower Bredbury was completed and brought into full use in the year 1940. Sewage for the whole of the district is dealt with at these works. Samples of the effluent are taken by the Lancashire Rivers Board and are invariably satisfactory.

In connection with the land acquired for sludge disposal tenders were invited in January 1940 for the construction of a small Storage Tank, Drainage, Ditches, together with appurtenant works. A tender was accepted, but difficulties in connection with labour and material arose, and it was not until June 1942 that the work was completed.

BREDBURY HIGHFIELD COUNCIL SENIOR SCHOOL

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SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION & FACILITIES.

School		Accommodation.	No. on Register
Bredbury Council	(opened 1909).....	480 ...	409
Bredbury St.Mark's C of E.	(opened 1850).....	294 ...	218
Romiley Council	(opened 1913).....	500 ...	380
Woodley "	(opened 1860/88).....	264 ...	147
Compstall "	(opened	162 ...	55
Bredbury Highfield Senior Boys'	(opened 1941)	320 ...	168
" " " Girls'	" "	320 ...	200

The Highfield Senior School catering for children of 11 plus, was opened in June, 1941 when all other schools in the area became buildings for infants and juniors up to 11 years of age.

In order to cater for children in the Lower Bredbury area a site to the rear of Elm Tree Farm has been earmarked and an endeavour is being made to persuade the appropriate Government Department to allow the Education Authority to acquire this site for the erection thereon of a Junior & Infants' School.

Feeding of School Children. Each school now has its own Canteen arrangements. At the Highfield School, food is cooked and served on the premises, a Canteen having been provided for each Department, Boys and Girls. At Compstall the children attend the Mission Hall Canteen on the Compstall Road, where there is another Canteen providing and cooking its own meals for children attending schools at Compstall and Marple Bridge. In the case of Bredbury Council Barrack Hill School, Woodley School, and Bredbury Church of England School, dinners are provided from the Mottram Cooking Depot. Arrangements are being negotiated for a service of meals at the Romiley Council School. All scholars who wish to partake of mid-day meals in the Urban District are, therefore, well provided for.

Nursery Class. At Bredbury Council (Barrack Hill) School, there is a Nursery Class established, 2 rooms being occupied for this purpose and a Child Care Reserve (woman) has been engaged to work with the class teacher specially appointed for this Nursery Class.

Milk in Schools. Every child is encouraged to take milk in schools and there is an adequate and good supply available in each school.

RECREATION GROUNDS and OPEN SPACES.

At Bredbury, a Bowling Green and 4 Tennis Courts are provided, and at Romiley two Tennis Courts.

The Council own the following open spaces:

Mill Lane, Woodley,	approx: 33 acres.	(9 acres used for housing)
Ashton Road, Bredbury.	approx: 26 acres.	
Chadkirk Woods.	" 9 "	
Springwood Hall, Romiley.	approx: 14 acres	
Smithy Green	" ½ "	
Highfield Cemetery, Bredbury,	approx. 19 acres	
Tang Shutts Farm, Romiley,	approx. 18 acres.	

Permanent allotments are provided on various sites in the district.

Brabyn's Estate ....)123 acres.
Watermeetings Farms .....

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Town Planning.

The Scheme of the East Cheshire Regional Planning Committee was completed and forwarded to the Ministry of Health.

The local Inquiry was held on June 1939, but up to the present nothing further has been done.